



## Utah School Readiness Board

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 10, 2019

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Board Member Attendees:** Jim Sorenson - Chairman, Steve Crandall, Tracy Gruber, Jessica Smith for Jennifer Thronsdn, Kenny Shackelford, Jamie Bitton, Debbie Hanson, Jeremias Solari, Janis Dubno

**Excused Board Members:** none

**Other Attendees:** Emma Moench, Montana Meyers, Mark Innocenti, Debi Carty, Joe Edman, Jon Collins, Alda Jones, Natalie Brush

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS and ACTION
Welcome	Mr. Sorenson began the meeting with opening remarks and welcomed the Board.	
Approval of 8/28/2019 meeting minutes		Mr. Sorenson called for a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. Ms. Smith motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Gruber seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
Pay for Success	<p>a. Mr. Innocenti referred to the <a href="#">slideshow</a> to review student performance outcomes in SY2018-2019 as defined and required in the Pay for Success transaction.</p> <p>b. Ms. Carty reviewed the investor repayment amount for cohorts 2-5, calculated using the existing formula and based on Mr. Innocenti’s analysis. She reminded the Board that DWS does not pay on cohort 1, which was a proof of concept for Pay for Success; the data presented on that cohort continues to be shared for informational purposes only.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. The total repayment for SY2018-2019 is \$1,233,552.20; \$60-80,000 less than initially estimated.</p> <p>c. Ms. Carty also informed the Board that DWS is amending its contract with United Way of Salt Lake (UWSL) for the investor repayment. The contract scope of work is for a financial transfer of the investor payment from DWS to UWSL, which will then transfer the payment to the investors. This is a role that UWSL has had with the PfS transaction since its inception. The contract is expected to be finalized by October 17, 2019.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Mr. Crim of UWSL noted that the work to be performed by UWSL will be at no cost.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. After a discussion and vote, it was agreed that Mr. Sorenson could sign the contract on behalf of the Board assuming the scope does not change and there is no cost associated with the DWS-UWSL contract.</p>	<p>The group requested that Mr. Innocenti consider changes to how the two PfS cohorts are labeled in terms of “risk” in future reports to ensure the analysis is not misinterpreted. Ms. Dubno suggested the number and assignment rate for at-risk and not at-risk students be combined.</p> <p>Mr. Sorenson called for a motion to approve the SY2018-2019 investor repayments. Ms. Gruber motioned to approve the payments. Mr. Shackelford seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Mr. Sorenson called for a motion giving him authority to sign the DWS-UWSL contract on behalf of the Board assuming no significant changes to the scope. Mr.</p>

		<p>Crandall motioned to authorize. Ms. Dubno seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Mr. Sorenson signed the payment invoices on behalf of the Board.</p>
Administrative Rules	<p>Mr. Sorensen referred to the draft Administrative Rules that were distributed to the Board via email and included as a meeting material. DWS adheres to the state’s Administrative Rule process so the next step is to post them for a public comment period.</p>	<p>Mr. Sorenson called for a motion to allow DWS to proceed with the State Administrative Rules process. Ms. Dubno motioned to approve. Ms. Gruber seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Research Subcommittee Update	<p>Mr. Collins gave an overview of the recent activities of the Research Subcommittee, focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing a School Readiness Grants research plan;</li> <li>• Reviewing quality observation tools to develop a recommendation for the Board on the appropriate tool to use in the grants for future years based on research demonstrating a correlation to student outcomes; and</li> <li>• Establishing a recommendation on student performance outcome thresholds for the SY2020-2021 Expanded Student Access Grant.</li> </ul> <p>The Board engaged in conversation about two potential observation tools being considered by the Research Subcommittee, the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) and Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale version 3 (ECERS-3).</p>	<p>Mr. Sorenson requested that a glossary of frequently used terms be added to the Board’s binder materials.</p>
PEEP Overview	<p>Mr. Sorenson stated that due to time constraints, this presentation will be shared at the next Board meeting.</p>	
Public Comments		
Adjournment		<p>Mr. Sorenson called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Crandall motioned to adjourn. Ms. Gruber seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.</p>